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For: POWER SUPPLY APPARATUS,)	
SWITCHING POWER SUPPLY	:	
APPARATUS, AND IMAGE)	
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Sir:

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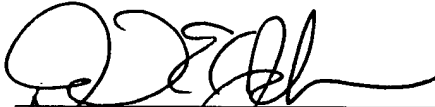
- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,619,403
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,040,662

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed

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Respectfully submitted,

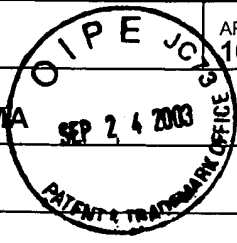


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		5,619,403	4/8/97	Ishikawa, et al.	363	21	
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